

HR 2228

Maritime Disaster Family Assistance Act of 2001

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Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Transportation and Infrastructure Committee	House	Hearings By (subcommittee)	Jun 12, 2002

Subjects & Policy Tags

Policy Area:

Transportation and Public Works

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

Summary (as of Jun 19, 2001)

Maritime Disaster Family Assistance Act of 2001 - Amends Federal maritime law to direct the Secretary (of the department in which the Coast Guard is operating, or the National Transportation Safety Board in certain instances), whenever notified of a maritime disaster within the United States involving a passenger vessel or fishing vessel operator that results in the death or disappearance of two or more individuals, to: (1) designate and publicize the name and phone number of an employee of the Coast Guard as a director of family support services to act as liaison between the operator and the families of the passengers involved in the disaster; and (2) designate an independent nonprofit organization for coordinating the emotional care and support of such families.

Prohibits any person from impeding the Secretary (including the director of family support services), or a designated organization, in carrying out specified responsibilities or the ability of the families to have contact with one another.

Prohibits unsolicited communications concerning a potential action for personal injury or wrongful death by an attorney or any potential party to the litigation to an individual (other than a vessel operator employee) injured in the maritime disaster, or to a relative, before the 45th day following the disaster.

Prohibits a State from preventing a designated organizations' employees, agents, or volunteers from providing mental health and counseling services to the victims' families in the 30-day period beginning on the date of the disaster.

Actions Timeline

- **Jun 12, 2002:** Subcommittee Hearings Held.
- **Jun 20, 2001:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation.
- **Jun 19, 2001:** Introduced in House
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